

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF SUSAN SCANLAN

HON. ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 26, 2021

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise to celebrate the life and legacy of Susan Scanlan.

Susan was a public servant, leader, and mentor who dedicated herself to improving the lives of women and families. This personal drive led Susan to help found the Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues and its associated policy arm, the Women's Research and Education Institute (WREI), in 1977. For five years, Susan served as the Caucus's director before taking the helm of WREI's Congressional Fellowship on Women and Public Policy, which provides aspiring policy leaders with invaluable Capitol Hill experience. Thanks to Susan's leadership, the WREI Congressional Fellowship (and its successor) has placed hundreds of talented fellows in congressional offices, bringing their unique talents, strengths, and passion for women's issues to the Hill.

Throughout my service in Congress, I have had the pleasure and honor of hosting over a dozen fellows through this successful program. These fellows have been incredible assets to both my office and the work of the institution. Most importantly, however, they have had the unique opportunity to gain firsthand experience in policymaking—all because of Susan's work. Today, the WREI Congressional Fellowship—Susan's legacy—lives on through the Congressional Fellowships on Women and Public Policy.

My thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends.

HONORING REBECCA BERBERIAN AS A 28TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT WOMAN OF THE YEAR

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Women's History Month. Each year, we pay special tribute to the contributions and sacrifices made by our nation's women. It is an honor to pay homage to outstanding women who are making a difference in my Congressional District. I would like to recognize a remarkable woman, Rebecca Berberian of Glendale, California.

A native Angeleno, Rebecca Berberian, RN, BSN, MHA, has been a resident of Glendale for over thirty years. She attained a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Pacific Union College, in Angwin, California, and a Master's in Healthcare Administration from Cal State LA while working fulltime. She began her career

in healthcare in 1988 as an operating room nurse at LAC+USC Medical Center and later went on to work as a surgical nurse at Adventist Health White Memorial in Los Angeles. She has worked at Adventist Health White Memorial for more than three decades, and presently serves as the hospital's director of the Risk Management and Infection Prevention departments. In this capacity, Rebecca develops policies and procedures to promote patient safety, collects and analyzes infection data, manages hospital claims, and coordinates with local and national public health agencies. As a mission driven and faith-based organization, Adventist Health White Memorial has encouraged Rebecca to follow her passion of volunteering and working in several medical missions in underserved regions of Peru, Armenia and Artsakh.

Ms. Berberian is wholeheartedly dedicated to her work and to the community that the hospital serves. Her passion for her job became even more evident during the coronavirus pandemic. Specifically during the surge periods, she worked long hours supporting the hospital's efforts in responding to the pandemic, including taking part in strategic decision-making about converting hospital units to accommodate high hospitalization rates, contact tracing infections among staff, and securing personal protective equipment. Rebecca demonstrated compassion and empathy towards families during their loved ones' hospital stays and did everything she could to support them. She has also volunteered at the hospital's vaccination clinics. Rebecca is thankful for her colleagues and hospital administration for the teamwork, support, and expertise that was displayed during this unprecedented time.

In addition to her career in healthcare, Ms. Berberian is active in the Armenian Relief Society (ARS), which is an international educational, philanthropic, and humanitarian organization. She served as the ARS Western USA Chairwoman and also as Chair of the Los Angeles ARS Maro Chapter, where she is currently a member. In her roles as chairperson, she oversaw the work of the ARS Saturday Armenian schools and led fundraising campaigns. Rebecca continues to work for the betterment of Armenians in the homeland and diaspora.

Rebecca is married to her husband, Sarkis, and together they have two daughters, Alique and Lori.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring this exceptional, well-respected woman of California's 28th Congressional District, Rebecca Berberian.

HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATAVIA BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S CLUB

HON. CHRIS JACOBS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 26, 2021

Mr. JACOBS of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Batavia Business and Professional Women's Club on its centennial anniversary.

The Batavia Business and Professional Women's Club was founded in 1921, at a time when all other local clubs were exclusive to men. Its mission was clear from the start: for women to meet and contribute meaningfully to the greater community. Under the leadership of its first president, Miss Lillian Bender, the club garnered notoriety remarkably fast. Miss Bender received telegrams from countless esteemed individuals—President Harding, Vice President Coolidge, General Pershing, and Marshal Ferdinand Foch—all extending their congratulations for her work to establish such a progressive organization. By the end of 1921, the club had attracted more than one-hundred new members.

The Batavia Business and Professional Women's Club has been a key resource for local communities throughout its one-hundred-year history, including in recent years. More recently, the club has provided meals and snacks to Habitat for Humanity volunteers, donated baskets to the Holland Land Office's annual Christmas fundraiser, and sponsored a family for the Thanksgiving holiday. Members of the organization have also routinely volunteered with the Salvation Army, the United Way, and the Batavia Public School System. Sponsoring fundraisers for local women owned businesses is another way the club supports its community. The organization holds fundraising events for several other purposes each year, such as events to raise money for college scholarships and service organizations.

The Batavia Business and Professional Women's Club is proud to attract a diverse membership. Since its inception, the club has brought together small business owners, schoolteachers, local government officials, self-made entrepreneurs, medical professionals, and countless other women from an array of fields and occupations. Among the members today, I would particularly like to recognize the teachers and employees of the Batavia City School District, the professionals at Genesee Cancer Assistance, and the small business owners from local favorites, such as Foxprowl Collectables and Jeanne's Table, both located in Batavia.

I thank all the women of the Batavia Business and Professional Women's Club for their unwavering commitment to local growth through community service and their many impressive professions, and I again congratulate the club on its centennial anniversary.

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IN RECOGNITION OF JOSEPH R. SIVEWRIGHT'S RETIREMENT FROM NESTLÉ PURINA PETCARE COMPANY

HON. ANN WAGNER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 26, 2021

Mrs. WAGNER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the incredible work and service of Joseph Sivewright. On July 30, 2021, he will officially retire as the Nestlé Purina Chairman after over 30 years of outstanding leadership.

Since joining Nestlé Purina in 1985, Mr. Sivewright has held various positions throughout the company as he proved himself to be a treasured employee. Prior to his role as Chairman, he was appointed as the company's President & Chief Operating Officer and was then named President and Chief Executive Officer.

His dedicated leadership has not gone unnoticed. In 2016, just one year after he took the reins as Chief Executive Officer, he was named one of the country's most popular CEOs. It comes as no surprise that Nestlé Purina received numerous accolades from both St. Louis organizations and national organizations while under his direction.

I want to personally thank Joe for his many years of friendship, as well as his desire to ensure Nestlé Purina is a strong community partner. His distinguished career and tremendous leadership are celebrated by our St. Louis community. I personally appreciate the impact his work ethic and constant drive to improve the lives of those around had on his employees. As a former Purina employee myself when I was just out of college, I know how important it is to have a smart and driven leader at the helm to set the tone for the rest of us and help us achieve even greater heights. Joe had a tremendous impact not only on all of those with whom he worked throughout his many years at Purina, but also on those he worked with outside of work as a dedicated member of our St. Louis community. We all appreciate everything he has done so far and look forward to seeing what else he will accomplish in the coming years.

JULY VETERAN OF THE MONTH

HON. KEVIN HERN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 26, 2021

Mr. HERN. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the First District of Oklahoma's July Veteran of the Month, Michael Bell.

Michael Bell served our country in the United States Air Force for over twenty years. He worked in Security Forces and retired as a Master Sergeant. Throughout his service, he was deployed to several military bases around the United States and overseas. Upon retirement, Mr. Bell continued to serve and protect his community as a member of law enforcement. Michael truly has a heart for serving others.

As a member of law enforcement, Michael goes above and beyond to serve his community. He was involved with Atlas Public

School's Red Ribbon Week program and taught their D.A.R.E. program. He served as chairman of the Jackson County Tobacco Education Committee and President of the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 120. Michael currently serves as Chief of Police in Coweta, OK. He was recently recognized for saving the life of a fellow veteran who was suffering from PTSD and contemplating suicide. He is a life member of Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion along with several law enforcement organizations. Michael, through his compassion for others, has touched so many lives in our community and across the globe.

He answered the call to defend freedom and sacrificed whatever was necessary in the name of that noble cause. It is my honor to recognize Michael Bell as the 1st Congressional District of Oklahoma's July Veteran of the Month.

AVERTING LOSS OF LIFE AND INJURY BY EXPEDITING SIVS ACT OF 2021

SPEECH OF

HON. JENNIFFER GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN

OF PUERTO RICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 2021

Miss GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 3985, the bipartisan Afghan ALLIES Act, and to speak on the imminent threat facing Afghan translators and their families.

These translators played a critical role in serving the United States and helped ensure the safety and success of our troops abroad. Yet today our allies—and their families—are being hunted down and killed by the Taliban as it retakes Afghanistan. When our country goes to war with its allies, we make a decision to bring everyone home, and it is time to bring our allies home, Mr. Speaker.

While I welcome President Biden's recent efforts, notably the initiation of Operation Allies Refuge and the announcement this week that military bases in Virginia and elsewhere will be used to temporarily house evacuating translators and their families, I remain concerned.

First: I am concerned by the Administration considering temporarily housing evacuees in other countries, some of which cannot guarantee translators safety. We should not be shifting the burden of our responsibility to others, especially when so many communities around the United States stand ready to welcome these heroes with open arms.

Second, I am concerned at the daunting task the State Department now faces. This task is exacerbated in no small part by the rushed withdrawal timeline set by the administration. There are thousands of individuals awaiting a safe home—a home that has been promised to them by our commonly held values and through legislation dating back to the early days of the War on Terror, legislation we now seek to amend.

H.R. 3985 is designed to meet this moment. This bill increases the number of visas by 8,000 to ensure an adequate number of visas are eligible for applicants currently in the pipeline. The bill would also remove redundant paperwork while still ensuring applicants go through the necessary, strict background checks, and national security vetting. Finally,

the ALLIES Act extends and strengthens protections for surviving spouses and children of deceased SIV applicants.

Time is running out for our allies. We must pass this life-saving legislation before it is too late. I encourage our colleagues in the Senate to vote on this important legislation.

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Pattee is the founder of Making It Happen, a food and clothing pantry in Sunland whose mission is to help those in need.

Ms. Colvin's motivation for founding Making It Happen is truly inspiring. Pattee worked for a local business for many years, but in 1999, when she became disabled, she lost her job and home. For several years, Pattee lived outdoors in the rugged Sunland-Tujunga "wash" while also maintaining a job at a local answering service company. As a member of the Chapel of the Hills Church in Sunland since 2002 who lived off the food provided from the church's hot meal program, in 2007, Pattee's life truly turned around, in large part due to the church. She enrolled in the church's Christian Sobriety Program, a program that she subsequently ran for several years and found new employment at Suzuki Insurance Company, a local business where she currently works. Homeless for many years, Pattee bought her own mobile home in Sunland in 2015.

In 2013, Ms. Colvin created Making It Happen located at the Chapel of the Hills Church in Sunland. Since its inception, Making It Happen has expanded to include housing assistance and free health clinics. In addition, the non-profit participates in events focused on community assistance, such as the Homeless Connect Days, and supports Sunland-Tujunga schools by sponsoring Back-to-School events and a Family Christmas Celebration for the homeless and underserved children.

When the coronavirus pandemic began, there was an enormous increase in demand for food and meals, and their Saturday food pantry attendance grew from about 60 individuals and their families to almost 200 individuals and their families. At the height of the pandemic, their Sunday Hot Meal program increased from 75 people to 200 people. Stepping up to the challenge, the organization began offering a weekday lunch program, which included meal deliveries, and in response to COVID-19 safety protocols, changed the manner in which they serve the needy; from a walk-through pantry and seated dinners to a drive-through and delivery.

Along with giving back to the community through Making It Happen, Pattee enjoys